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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certification of Authority.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0074.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), as amended. A major factor in managing loan programs is controlling the advance of funds. One reason to control funds is so that the actual borrowers get their money. The use of RUS Form 675 allows this control to be achieved by providing a list of authorized signatures against which signatures requesting funds are compared. RUS Form 675 provides an effective control against the unauthorized release of funds by providing a list of authorized signatures. OMB Circular A-123, Management Accountability and Control, states that information should be maintained on a current basis and that cash should be protected from unauthorized use. This form allows borrowers to keep RUS up-to-date of any changes in signature authority and controls the release of funds only to authorized borrower representatives.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.1 of an hour per response.

Respondents: Small business or organization.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 490

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 49.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Support Staff, at (202) 720-0812.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Deputy Director, Program Support Staff, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th & Independence Ave., SW., AG Box 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 803]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (Motor Vehicles), Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the City of Birmingham, Alabama, grantee of Foreign Trade Zone 98, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the motor vehicle manufacturing plant of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc., in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, was filed by the Board on February 16, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 6-95, 60 FR 11070, 3-1-95); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the

requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 98A) at the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc., plant, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of February 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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[Docket 14-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 94—Laredo, Texas, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Laredo, Texas, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 94, requesting authority to expand its zone in Laredo, Texas, within the Laredo Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on February 21, 1996.

FTZ 94 was approved on November 22, 1983 (Board Order 235, 48 FR 53737, 11/29/83) and expanded on March 26, 1990 (Board Order 468, 55 FR 12696, 4/5/90) and December 29, 1992 (Board Order 620, 58 FR 3533, 1/11/93). The zone project currently consists of four sites in the Laredo area: *Site 1* (500 acres)—within the 1,600-acre city-owned Laredo International Airport Industrial Park; *Site 2* (20 acres)—owned by the Texas-Mexican Railway, along Highway 359 in Webb County; *Site 3* (550 acres)—within the 1,400-acre Killiam industrial area, owned by Killiam Oil Co., at 12800 Old Mines Road; *Site 4* (1,500-acres)—within 7,000-acre International Commerce Center, Laredo Northwest business and residential development.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the zone to include a site (proposed *Site 5*—930 acres)—located at a proposed industrial park (currently known as the "La Barranca Ranch" site), Interstate Highway 35,